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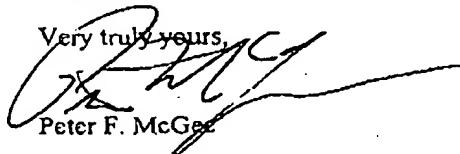
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Re: Enclosed Response Under 37 CFR §1.116  
 U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/921,978  
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Dear Examiner Apple:

Enclosed for filing is a Response in response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 6, 2006, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,  
  
 Peter F. McGee

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